

RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE USCG ACADEMY'S PREPARATION AND PERFORMANCE RESULTING IN REACCREDITATION BY THE COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (NEASC)

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy has the responsibility to provide guidance and advice to the Superintendent, as well as the Chief of Staff and the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has fully supported the Academy's continued affiliation with NEASC; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has fully endorsed the Academy's Self-Study report to be a complete, accurate and objective assessment compatible with the Academy's institutional mission and in meeting commission standards; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees agrees with the Self-Study's institutional findings and self-assessments measuring its institutional effectiveness, and these are aligned with the Commandant's Strategic Guidance for the Academy; and

Whereas, a Visiting Team of prominent educators and administrators, led by Dr. Sherry Penney, Chancellor, UMASS Boston, visited the Academy to validate the Self-Study, evaluate the Academy against the Commission Standards and report to the Commission its findings; and

Whereas, the Superintendent met with the Commission to respond to questions it had prior to making its final decision on status of the Academy; and

Whereas, in applying the Standards, the Commission assessed the Academy and made a determination about the effectiveness of the Academy leading to a full ten-year reaccreditation to 2010 and directed the Academy to provide a written mid-period report to the Commission in 2005; and

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Whereas, as stated by the NEASC Commission, "it is readily apparent that the Academy's admirable mission and purposes are fully supported by its institutional resources and that it provides an education of the first order."

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the faculty, staff, cadets, and students of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy be commended for their extraordinary efforts that led to a most favorable outcome; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees endorses that the findings of the Self-Study, Visiting Team report and the Commission determinations inform Academy Strategic Planning that works towards continually improving the Academy's quality, effectiveness, and excellence.

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